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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated on June 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

In Fig. 2, please change the reference number "129" to --124-- as labeled in red ink.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 15, 30 and 38 as follows:

sub 1. (Twice Amended) A network address translation device for facilitating message packet communication between a first application having an internal address valid in a first address realm and a second application in a second address realm comprising:

B1 an address translator for translating the internal address valid in the first address realm into an address valid in the second address realm based on a translation rule and for translating the address valid in the second address realm into the internal address valid in the first address realm;